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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EAIR, LA, TH
SUBJECT: RESUMPTIONOF BANGKOK-VIENTIANE AIR CONNECTION

1. ASKED WHAT, IF ANYTHING, EMERGED FROM THAI BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE LAO AND VIETNAMESE DURING ESCAP PLENARY APR 20-30 (ALTHOUGH NOT ANNOUNCED, VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR DINH BA THI DID MEET PRIVATELY FOR 35 MINUTES AT END OF SESSION WITH MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIRGEN PHIRAPHONG KASEMSI, ACCORDING TO BRITISH), MFA SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF MAY 2 THAT, WHILE ALMOST ALL DISCUSSION COVERED ONLY "OLD GROUND", THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT LAOS AND THAILAND WOULD CONCLUDE AVIATION ACCORD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AFTER THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, THAI AVIATION DELEGATION WOULD BE PERMITTED TO VISIT HANOI. THUS, HE NOTED, WHAT THAI HAD BEEN SAYING FOR SOME TIME WOULD BE THE SCENARIO WAS CONFIRMED IN THESE TALKS.

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2. LAO EMBOFF SYTHONGMA PHANDANOUVONG TOLD BANGKOK WORLD MAY 2, THAT LPDR IS READY TO SIGN AIR AGREEMENT WITH THAILAND, AND THAT LAOS HAS RESPONDED TO ALL THAI QUESTIONS. HE NOTED THAT ONLY SOME MINOR POINTS "MAY NEED" TO BE CLARIFIED, AFTER WHICH EVERYTHING SHOULD BE SETTLED. WITH EACH COUNTRY TO BE AUTHORIZED TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK, LAO PLAN TO USE 50-SEAT ANTONOV PLANES, CAPACITY BEING

THREE-FOUR SEATS GREATER THAN THOSE WHICH THAI AIRWAYS
IS USING. HE CLAIMED THAT TICKET SALES FOR LAO AIRCRAFT
WOULD BE HANDLED IN LAOS.
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